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News and Notes

Whittier, Calif. The new home mission church which Pastor Verner N. Carlsen is organizing in Whittier, Calif., seems to be off to a good start. Fifty families have signed the charter, 173 souls. The date of organization is March 4. It is hoped that they may have 250 baptized members by that time. The name of the new church will be St. Andrew's Lutheran.

Pastor Paul C. Johnsen will come home next summer with his family on his first furlough from Japan. God willing they will arrive in San Francisco on June the second. After a few days stay with Pastor C. Lund, Reedley, Calif., Pastor Johnsen's brother-in-law, they will visit our congregation in Lynwood, Calif. which for several years has paid their salary. Next they will attend the synodical convention in Racine, Wis. June 13-18 and the Luther League Convention at Fresno June 27-30. July 1-6 they will be in the Minnesota District Bible Camp and July 7-13 in the Nebraska District's Children's Bible camp. Aug. 4-10 they will attend the Okoboji Bible Camp and Aug. 15-25 the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Minneapolis. Sept. 4-11 they plan to attend a Foreign Missions Conference which probably will be held in New York. Shortly after that Pastor Johnsen will enroll as a student in the new foreign missions school at Maywood, Illinois.

While attending the above mentioned Bible camps Pastor Johnsen will visit some neighboring congregations. He will also gladly accept invitations to other congregations where it will fit into his itinerary.

Friends of the Japan mission will likewise be interested in knowing that Pastor Johnsen will be spiritual emphasis speaker in October at Dana College.

Requests for visits of Pastor Johnsen may be sent to the undersigned.

Paul C. Nyholm, Chairman of the Japan Comm.

THIRD ASSEMBLY—LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

The Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation which will convene in Minneapolis, Minnesota August 15-25, 1957 offers Lutherans a rich opportunity for Christian fel-

lowship and spiritual inspiration. Delegates and official visitors from 29 different countries representing 57 autonomous Lutheran Church bodies will attend. These churches have a total membership of more than 50 million members. More than 700 delegates and official visitors will participate in the sessions. It is estimated that the sessions and other public events will attract more than 50,000 persons.

Every effort is being made to bring these spiritual blessings to as many people as possible. Preachers will be available for services during the two Sundays of the Assembly, August 18 and 25, within a radius of approximately 100 miles of the Twin Cities. Already 110 requests for preachers have been received by the Preachers Assignment Committee. The reason for limiting these preachers to 100 mile radius is to enable them to return to Minneapolis for the afternoon rallies. Congregations which desire a preacher for one or both of those Sundays are requested to write the undersigned prior to February 1st. Please note the February 1st deadline. Write Pastor William Siegel, Chairman, Assignment of Preachers Committee, Third Assembly of Lutheran World Federation, 697 13th Avenue N. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Waupaca, Wis. A. S. Petersen, Pastor. Christmas at Trinity this year was an especially happy and blessed time. Holiday activities began early, with a great many Fellowship evenings enjoyed by the various organizations of our church. The Pre-Advent ten-week study course of our Sunday School Teachers, was a fitting preparation for the coming of the Savior.

The Altar Guild, the ladies' group who serve by caring for the altar and chancel of the church, also decorated the church beautifully and the candelabra, candle sticks and cross in the chancel glowed with much polishing. The soft candle light and two large trees made the chancel a truly beautiful sanctuary prepared for the Coming.

The Sunday School program was given in two parts with the small children on a Sunday afternoon and the older boys and girls in the evening. The procession was led by our

Pastor and the Senior confirmation girls, robed in white and carrying small lights. The formation in the chancel, the music of the organ, the singing of the children ushers in Christmas in at Trinity, as only children are able to do. As our pastor said, "Who can tell the story of better than the children?"

The "Nativity" pageant presented word and song by the Lutheran League for the seventh consecutive year, a colorful and inspiring portrayal of the Christmas story, with the Prayer sung by our Leaguers, closing the story.

Christmas Eve Candle Light service at nine o'clock was a service of prayer and praise to the Child of Bethlehem, with hymn singing, the service, and a quiet time for meditation as "Lullaby On Christmas Eve" softly played on the organ.

Christmas Day Worship Service was the great climax of Christmas preparation was a time of rejoicing. With the preaching of the Christmas message, the hymns of praise, Thanksgiving, it was indeed, "The World."

Trinity Boy Scouts were caroling Christmas, there were Fellowship for the older people of the church, service men, our students and young people. Our little "Fishers Junior Mission group were also present whose enthusiasm brought many.

No one was too young or too old for Christmas at Trinity and many blessings received at Christmas. We continue to guide and bless us, that we may be good Stewards of all that we have received.

Dr. E. Clifford Nelson, Assistant director for Lutheran World Federation, is planning a West-coast speaking tour. He will speak to NLC and laymen concerning the significance of the forthcoming Assembly 15th thru August 25, 1957. The dates and places for his speaking engagements are:

Jan. 21—Pacific Lutheran College, Parkland, Wash.

Jan. 22—Portland, Oregon.

Jan. 24—Pacific Lutheran School—Berkeley, Cal.

Jan. 27—Los Angeles, California

Jan. 29—Phoenix, Arizona

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Editorials and Comments

DIFFERENT REACTIONS IN TWO LETTERS

are samples of two letters that came to us about editorial Jan. 7, "Quit Smoking, etc." They are from

The first letter has this to say: Your editorial Jan. 7, very disappointing. Read it word for word and in the "spirit" of the problem that F. G. Rasmussen asizes. Certainly there is something more positive can be said and could be said in reaction to the tems he presents. I write this to you in the spirit Tim. 5:1.

The other letter is very different:

ur Jan. 7, 1957 editorial "QUIT SMOKING, ETC." pts this letter. In my judgment you have answered suggestion which you mention by Pastor Rasmus- n a fair and wholesome manner. Not only did the estion require an answer in a Lutheran publication, he answer you have given is most commendable. ave such a suggestion as you have referred to un- ered would have meant to have permitted some un- and dangerous implications to stand on the subject ewardship.

ank you, and best wishes for the coming year in ame of Christ.

. The "HORSE AND BUGGY PREACHERS" d be sent to the church councils especially marked heir attention!

THE WORLD'S YOUTH

ading Communists in Russia are getting old. They young revolutionaries forty years ago. Stalin and of his staunch friends have joined Lenin in Val- or wherever it is that atheistic Communists are sed to go. The current Soviet masters are in their s, or approaching. A new generation is arising in atellite Nations, as well as in Russia. The fathers ese young men and women a generation ago, were ants of Utopia, to be obtained for them by their t masters. Then came bitter disillusionment; re- on instead of freedom; poverty instead of com- drab living instead of flowers and sweets; the of materialism without moral uplift, initiative, se- or hope. In that atmosphere Communist youth grown up. Today they are militant, resentful, de- ed. That is what is the meaning of the revolutions ngary and Poland. We hear of similar rumblings ssia. It is a solemn fact we face when we consider re the world's crusaders today. They are young e. Let us bear that in mind as we approach Na- Youth Week observance January 27-February ur own land. We must be sure that today's youth omething worthwhile to crusade for, since that is rit of the time. Or, are we raising young people to soft and indulgent that no fire seems to burn in hearts? That is something we must find out.

—Watchman Examiner

IS THE PAPER TOO TAME ETC?

following letter was received from J. Jensen, a, who signs himself, "Only an old layman."

ditor, he Ansgar Lutheran Dec. 3 and 10, you ask for ions on how to get people into a deeper knowl-

edge of the Word of God, and how to get them to raise questions, and if the paper is too tame?

I want to try to tell you my views on those subjects from my experience of thirteen years in the Inner Mis- sion circles in Denmark and twenty-nine years in the church in this country.

I am happy to read some of the articles, but then again I fail to find the real sound of the trumpet (I Cor. 14:8) in some articles. The same may be said of many sermons. How are we to be awakened from our false security and our relying on good works without a distinct call to repentance? The word "repentance" is seldom heard now. And this was the first both Jesus and John the Baptist used when they began their min- istry. Is this because we fear that people may leave us as they did Jesus in John 6? If we are, then we shall also fail to hear Peter's confession: "To whom shall we go . . .?"

When we read reports in the church papers about the annual conventions we get the impression that all we are concerned about is statistics. But even though this may be all right in a sense, let us not forget that another book is kept in heaven, wherein are written the names of those who are being saved. We may show great numbers gained, but the heavenly record may show a decline in numbers saved.

When we go back to the time of Spener and Francke 300 years ago, we find that the pietistic movement came as reaction to dead orthodoxy and formalism. When we follow the history of pietism we find that even though it had many errors and glaring defects, it had great spiritual power. It produced such men as Hans Nielsen Hauge in Norway and it produced the laymen's move- ment known as Inner Mission in Denmark. Hundreds of lay preachers walked up and down the land. Simple and unlearned men like the disciples of Jesus preached the Word, even though they were ridiculed and perse- cuted. They did not sever themselves from the estab- lished church, but they remained a salt and a light with- in that church.

Wide awake Christians will have noticed that the dan- ger of formalism is again present. This certainly is true in Scandinavia. The only way back to true faith is to have consecrated laymen and pastors working together.

Why is it that pastors today seem to fear that such movements should arise again? Do they forget that Je- sus' disciples were laymen on whose teaching the whole Christian church was built? As in the days of Jesus and Paul there are fishermen and tent makers that the Lord wants to call.

Let us watch and pray that we do not fall into the same state of formalism. Remember that if there is no prayer, there is no power.

Editor's Note: We thank Mr. Jensen for his fine let- ter. We agree with most of it. But we do not think the last statement that pastors fear the movements and work of lay people. Nearly every church paper that comes to our desk encourages the work of lay people. The church bodies organize the lay people for work now more than ten years ago. The Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mis- sion is an effort in that direction. We are sure that ev- ery pastor will welcome consecrated lay people's visit- ing and witnessing.

Church News from here and there

CLERGY HAVE APRIL 15 SOCIAL SECURITY DEADLINE

Clergymen and members of religious orders were reminded by the government that they face a deadline of April 15, 1957, if they wish social security coverage.

Congress enacted legislation in 1955 extending the social security program to members of the clergy and religious orders for the first time.

Most of those who desired coverage declared their intention when filing income tax returns for the calendar year 1955. However, any who did not elect coverage at that time may still do so when they file their personal tax returns for 1956. The deadline for such filing is April 15.

Those who do not elect coverage will not be eligible for it in the future. An exception is made only in the case of newly-ordained ministers, who have two years following ordination in which to ask for coverage.

Ministers who file a statement electing coverage will have to pay the self-employment tax which amounts to three percent of their first \$4,200 of income, or a maximum of \$126.00. In return, they become eligible for full coverage in 18 months, or on July 1, 1958.

Upon retirement after age 65 they may receive benefits up to \$108.50 a month, with an additional \$54.30 a month for a dependent wife over 65. Their widows are eligible for benefits up to \$200 a month, if there are children under 18, and to payments up to \$81.40 a month after age 62.

A number of ministers and missionaries over 65 who elected coverage in 1956 have already retired, the Social Security Administration reports, using their benefits to supplement pensions and retirement incomes.

Ministers of any age are eligible to participate in social security. The oldest clergyman who has done so,

according to records, is 81. He is still active in the ministry.

STOCKHOLM LUTHERANS LAUNCH TELEPHONE MINISTRY

A program of spiritual ministry by telephone on a 24-hour-a-day basis was launched by the Stockholm diocese of the State Lutheran Church.

By dialing a number persons emotionally or spiritually upset, or faced with some difficult problem, can receive a personal message from one of a number of pastors assigned to receive their calls.

The Rev. Berndt Backlund of the Laengbro parish originated the program.

However, the idea actually started with a Swedish Mission Association minister in the west coast town of Haelsingbro—30-year-old Pastor Erik Bernspaang, who is popularly known as "the suicide pastor."

Mr. Bernspaang's concern over the increasing number of Swedish suicides—they now average 1,200 annually—encouraged him to insert an advertisement in local papers saying that "before you commit suicide, ring Haelsingborg 19730." More than 300 people immediately responded and the number of daily calls shows no signs of abating.

"Replies to my advertisement by phone or letter," Mr. Bernspaang told Religious News Service, "invariably display the great gap existing in Swedish life today which many try to fill by sexual and alcoholic excesses. Most of my contacts are men and women between 50 and 60, either single or divorced, with the women slightly outnumbering the men.

"They mostly say they suffer severely from fits of depression, that they are lonely, their lives empty, and they long to cling to something and discuss their problems on a practical level. Some have had medical and psychiatric treatment but

to no avail. They need spirit as well as medical attention and to give them hope."

REPORT COLOMBIA RECONSIDERING BAN ON PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES

Washington, D. C.—The State Department said here that the Republic of Colombia is reconsidering its ban on Protestant missionaries.

In a letter to Dr. Clyde T. Smith, secretary of national affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals here, the department also said "since 1951 there have been numerous incidents of violence against American Protestant missionaries and the destruction of American property."

Under terms of a so-called Mission Agreement signed by the government of Colombia on July 1, 1953, the department said, the Roman Catholic Church was given exclusive right to proselytizing and carry on religious and educational work in "a considerably extensive area, believed now to constitute between two-thirds and three-quarters of the national territory."

As a result of this order, a number of American Protestant churches have been ordered closed, the department added.

"Since 1953 our Embassy in Bogota has taken up this question on numerous occasions with the Colombian Foreign Office," it said, "emphasizing the long period which Protestant establishments have existed in this area and the inequity of the action taken against them."

"The Colombian government has given considerable study to this problem, and has indicated that it hopes it will be possible to reopen the closed churches in the near future."

REPORTS CHINESE CHURCH A 'GROWING FORCE'

Dr. Howard W. K. Mowbray, bishop of Sydney and Primate of the Church of England in Australia, reported at Sydney on his

a seven weeks' visit to Communist China that the Christian Church is not only still functioning but is a "growing force."

denied that the Church has "forced underground" and said had been able to talk with church leaders "quite openly and without any sense of being watch-

Mowll headed and eight-man Anglican delegation that visited Communist China in response to an invitation extended by Dr. Robin Chen, Presiding Bishop of the

Chung Hau Sheng Kung Hui (Holy Catholic Church in China). He was a bishop of the Chinese Church for ten years prior to coming to Australia in 1933.

The Primate told an interviewer here that "I suppose a priest could say what he liked in the pulpit and even criticize the government in China, but I never heard of anyone doing it."

"Perhaps," he said, "it is because the people feel they have a real share in the government. Regimentation is one of the prices they must

pay for that type of government, but the Church is working openly and effectively and the people seem happy under Communist rule."

Dr. Mowll described the growth of the Church as "remarkable." He said four theological colleges are operating, the largest of which has 107 students.

"Baptisms are taking place in churches all over the country," he reported. "In some remote areas churches have been disbanded, but others have sprung up in new rural communities."

Dr. Mowll said he and his party had talks with 17 of the 18 Anglican bishops in China. He said he had conversed with "many old friends" and gathered they were free to tell him what they wanted.

The Primate said no visitor to Communist China could fail to be impressed by the "tremendous changes" in the industrial life of the country. He said new railroads have been built and factories have sprung up everywhere.

AUGUSTANA — ULCA OPEN JOINT WORK IN URUGUAY

The Augustana Lutheran Church has entered directly into a Latin American mission field for the first time in its 98-year history, in partnership with the United Lutheran Church in America.

Augustana's Board of World Missions and the ULCA's Board of Foreign Missions have agreed to conduct cooperative mission work in Uruguay, continuing the program started there four years ago by the National Lutheran Council. Augustana will assume administrative responsibility for the work.

Augustana is the sixth Lutheran church body from North America to work in Spanish America, the others being the ULCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, United Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. In addition, two Lutheran faith missions—Latin American Lutheran Mission and World Mission Prayer League—are active there.

THE LIVING WORD

By Luther A. Weigle

The words for living creatures

The word "animal" does not appear in the King James Version of the Bible, which uses "beast" as a general term for living creatures other than man. "Cattle" is used as a collective name for all live animals held as property or reared for some use. The word "reptile" does not appear, for it was a relatively new word, just beginning to appear in 1611; the King James Version used instead of it the older "creeping thing." "Fowl" is used twice as often as "bird," and the same Hebrew and Greek words. Here again, "fowl" was the generic term for feathered vertebrates, which had begun to be displaced by "bird."

The Revised Standard Version uses the word "animal" where it is appropriate. It uses "reptile" in the New Testament, but retains "creeping things" in the Old Testament. It uses the phrase "birds of the air" rather than "fowls of the air," and substitutes "bird" for "fowl" as a general term for the feathered tribes. It retains "cattle" as a collective term for live stock held as property, restricting it to bovine animals.

It is perhaps the most astonishing error in the King James Version its indiscriminate use of the word "beast" in the book of Revelation. John's vision of heaven showed

to him, around the throne of God, twenty-four elders and four living creatures who worship Him and sing His glory. The Greek word for "living creature" is *zoon*; it is used 20 times to refer to these heavenly beings (chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 19). Later, he saw a beast rising out of the sea and another which rose out of the earth, and was told of the beast that ascends from the bottomless pit. These beasts are the enemies of God and the objects of His wrath. The Greek word that refers to them as *therion*, which means "wild beast" (used 27 times in chapters 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20).

Yet the King James Version uses the word "beast" as a translation both for *zoon* and *therion*, thus failing to make the distinction which the Greek makes between the choir of heaven and the minions of hell. The King James translators were not the first to make this error; it appears in all the prior translations from Wyclif to Rheims. But it is strange that they did not correct it. The Latin Vulgate makes the distinction, using *animal* for the heavenly beings and *bestia* for the infernal beasts. The King James translators themselves, moreover, used "living creatures" for the Hebrew term of similar import in chapters 1, 3, and 10 of Ezekiel.

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

A QUESTION ABOUT EMPLOYMENT

A recent Census report says that working conditions in our country were excellent last year and will continue so barring a major catastrophe of one kind or another. Last year 68,900,000 were listed as employable and practically all of them were employed. Of these 20,859,000 were women. Wages were uniformly high. Family income averaged 6% higher in 1956 than in 1955. The average work-week became longer but pay also increased until now it averages \$2 per hour, a record high. Despite a lag in the automobile industry, the general production of consumer goods increased. The general public bought freely. And people are still buying. They are incurring debt, but they are also paying off old debts as fast as they are assuming new ones. Sounds mighty good, doesn't it? And remember, this is the Census Bureau telling us all this.

One interesting aspect of the present employment situation is that of the increasing number of women engaged in gainful work outside the home. The Census Bureau expects this number to increase steadily, even beyond its present very high level. More married women, with and without children, it is noted, are finding a double income for the family very attractive. More older women, 45 years old and over, are working, perhaps with an eye to pension and retirement benefits later on.

But one thing the Census Bureau does not tell us. What will the effect of all this be on the American home in years to come? Can the home be the home, a school for Christian virtues and morals, if father and mother must be away all

day while the children shift for themselves or are turned over to the day nursery or some other agency?

What the Census Bureau does not give us by way of an answer to this question, the church must dare to do. In that connection, let our busy pastors watch this developing situation with all care. Let them assemble their findings and draw conclusions. Out of first hand and wide-spread observation let them tell us what the modern home needs the most—whether a bit of economic hardship with the mother remaining in the home and caring for her flock or whether a larger income, \$6,000, \$8,000, perhaps even more, with all the nice things that such an income can provide. A hard question—one with many angles? Yes, to be sure. But, oh, we do need so much to know the right answer!

A PROSPEROUS 1957 (?)

The experts all say "Yes!" And they have the facts and the figures to prove it. Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, after receiving business-outlook reports from his 165 member Business Advisory Council (it covers the nation) recently told reporters: "We can be optimistic for 1957." Dr. Arthur Burns of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, describes 1957 with only a little less enthusiasm saying that it should be a year for "disciplined optimism." The leaders of our major industries (we have their names and comments before us) speak the same language. They tell us there will be plenty of work, plenty of pay, plenty of prosperity, all this even though the credit outlook is hampered by a rise in the interest rate.

What shall the thoughtful Christian make of all this? It is bound to

be sweet music in his ears. After all, who, even though he be a Christian, wants to see 1929 repeated? Who of those who experienced the depression wants to see our home missionaries and others living on the pitiful salaries paid in those books and times? It is only natural that, with so many others in the land, our thoughtful Christian should rejoice and give thanks to God for what the future seems to have in store.

On the other hand, we do know that our thoughtful Christian will do well to listen when some one like Dr. Burns suggests that we approach 1957 with "disciplined optimism." Yes, we will rejoice over the nation's good fortune and we will move forward boldly. We will add income for new cars, for better homes. We will not get to undergird the church and strengthen agencies like the National Lutheran Council and the Lutheran World Federation. We will give to help the needy at home and abroad. We will manage to save for a rainy day. We will be full of "optimism" but we will not forget about "discipline." We will remember that unexpected often comes when we least want it. We will not forget that it is always wise to spend less than you earn. We will not be unforgotten of the fact that the higher you climb the harder you fall. In all, we will often tell ourselves that prosperity is God's gift and that there is a Higher Control than any emanating from Washington still shaping our destiny and determines our future. Remembering that, we will face the future with a prayer in our hearts: "O Giver of all good, guide us, bless us, keep us!"

RIISING COSTS AND INFLATION

Despite all prognostications of prosperity, Washington is worried about the future. She is worried about rising living costs and inflation. For months now these have been rising and the purchasing power of the dollar has been falling. The end is not in sight.

Summing up the situation William McChesney Martin, Jr., (Continued on page 13)

For Me To Live Is Christ

Chaplain Robert D. Thoms

often does not one hear these or similar ones from the lips of a friend. "I have tried everything and don't know where to turn now," often unfolds a tale of woe which is similar in pattern to many yet varying in detail.

A Christian cannot listen to such tales without feeling an overwhelming need and necessity to help in the situation whether it be by counsel or by actual deeds. But when one makes the exclamation of "I have tried everything how can I?" Christian brethren stand idly by without at least saying "You say you have tried everything, you don't know where to turn but have you turned to Christ?"

Christ our rock in the present.
It may be hard for us to realize how much the Lord Jesus undertook to do when he took upon himself human flesh for our sake and the sake of all men. St. Paul understood and realized as we ought also that whatever trying experience we are going through, Christ has been there with us and he knows what we are going through in this pres-

ent life.

Simply stated the Apostle Paul would say to us through this portion of Scripture that sin, death and every evil the devil has devised and used can have no claim on us if we lay claim to Christ and his righteousness.

Great men invariably undertake to write their memoirs or literary works of value to the generations which have not had the benefit of their experience or their insight. The conclusions they reach in their writings are often the result of a lifetime of profound study and deep thought. St. Paul was one of those rare men who had the God-given gift of expressing himself in ways in which men rarely do. He also undertook to draw conclusions from his life as a Christian and this was a most profound statement when he said "For to me to live is Christ . . ."

Christ was present in Paul's life and was the very center of every thought and every missionary endeavor which this man of ancient Tarsus went out on. Shipwreck, starvation, loss of friends and the rising up of enemies wherever he went was Paul's lot in life yet his life was no life of complaint nor should ours be. For we too have been called to live Christlike lives and to walk in faith all the days that God has allotted us on this earth.

Sin has overcome many a man in past years and in former times yet it abounds as much now as ever it did. Men today are still falling and stumbling and fumbling about, pressed by sin and doubt which precedes unbelief and eventual despair. St. Paul was different, however, for he was undaunted in the struggle which is a major part of this life.

"If God be for us who can be against us?" was his statement, which brims over with confidence and assurance that his Lord will always take care of him.

Christ our eternal hope.

We cannot as Christians expect that God will lay down a rosy path for us in life simply by virtue of the fact that we believe in him. It has never been so, either now or in

past times. To live under the fold of Christ's redeeming grace is a great privilege which we ought to acknowledge. If we are his and he is our Savior we have the assurance that he will keep us throughout this life and throughout the life to come. There will never be any more blessed assurance than this.

When we take a long look at these statements of assurance that Paul and other men who were inspired by God to write the Scriptures made, we know how weak our own faith really is. We should feel especially inspired when we know there is hope beyond our own small everyday problems.

We cannot have a greater assurance in this life than this, that Christ lives for us and cares for us and as we seek him and his comfort we will have rest, joy and the peace of God which passes all understanding. The air about us is always present, yet it is ever refreshing to open one's doors to allow the morning sunshine and the cool morning air to greet us and to stimulate us and to go about the work of the day. So also it is refreshing to hear the words of God along the way of life and even unto death as he tells us "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Christ knows us well, for he himself has experienced the life we have experienced upon this earth, with all its hardships, joys and sorrows. His is an understanding which is not narrowed by human vision for His is a compassion and understanding which is eternal.

When one considers life and death in relation to our Savior, it is hard as St. Paul found it to be hard from this statement which is the basis of our meditation, to distinguish which is the greater joy, to live with Christ here and now or to live in heaven after death with our Lord. We can but catch a glimpse of the feeling which is here given.

One can only truly understand what it means to be a farmer if he is one. He can only truly understand the joy of watching things grow and caring for the crops if he knows

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Our Chaplains

By George J. Robert

The grace of God at work through the ministry of our Christian chaplains has meant the difference between eternal life and eternal death to many young men and women of our armed forces and in various institutions.

Our Synodical President, the Reverend William Larsen, has asked your Youth Director to serve as liaison between Synod and the members of the Ministerium serving as chaplains. Our chaplains bring the vital Gospel ministry in a crucial time for thousands of young men and women. They work where the means of grace are sorely needed. In this work they need the prayers and the love of their church.

Contact with our chaplains will include correspondence with each of them. It will also include a periodical Newsletter through which they may exchange views and ideas with each other and obtain a brief message from their church.

We have already received some response to our letters. Chaplain (LtCdr) Gilbert A. Jensen writes, among other things:

"For some time I was the only chaplain of our synod on active duty with the armed services. Now there are a few more, so that your special work with us seems worth the expenditure of energy and time required. Anything which you can do to stimulate us and to allow us to stimulate the church regarding its care of the serviceman should be in order."

Chaplain (LtJg) John T. Beck sent us the following suggestions as his first response:

"I have also been concerned about a closer liaison between our chaplains and the youth work of our church. It is such an easy thing for us to lose a sense of belonging with our loved church and its youth. During the time I have been in the service I have not been able to find a single young man from any of our churches. I know that there must be some in the area I have

been in. My wife and I thought of it especially Christmas season. We are having a Christmas party night for some sailors. We would have liked so much to have some of our UELC young men there. But where are they? I suppose that what I am leading up to is a suggestion that I know our chaplains would appreciate if the pastors could write to us and tell us if there are any of their young men in the areas in which we are serving. Our names and approximate locations could be printed in the **Ansgar Lutheran** with the suggestion that this be done. Or a list could be compiled of our servicemen and their addresses providing our busy pastors could find time to send the information in. That something is definitely something we could do."

We had the joy of visiting briefly with Chaplain (1stLt) Niels C. Carlsen some weeks ago when he was wounded in Blair enroute to his base in Texas. He had been covered almost entirely from his attack of bulbar palsy.

On a recent trip to Washington, D. C., our Synodical President and Dr. C. C. Madsen visited Chaplain (1stLt) Robert G. Nelson at Walter Reed Hospital where he is learning the art of using his artificial limb. The Air Force provides him with transportation between the Hospital and his home near Donaldson Air Force Base in South Carolina.

We thank God that He has spared these men through sickness and accident so that they may continue their labors in His vineyard.

Our contact service will also include U.E.L.C. pastors serving as chaplains in Veterans Administration Hospitals and in other institutions.

By including all of them in our prayers in private and in public worship they will receive encouragement in their task. Through their letters the church will receive new insights and inspiration for its ministry to its members before and after as well as during military service.

For your information we include a list of our chaplains:

With the Armed Forces:

Beck, John T. (LtJg)
Destroyer Escort Sqdn. No. 36
Fleet Post Office
New York, New York
Carlsen, Niels C. (1stLt)
Office of the Chaplain
Biggs A.F.B.
El Paso, Texas
Carlsen, Stanley (1stLt)
811 Air Base Group
Turner Air Force Base
Georgia
Jensen, Gilbert A. (LtCdr)
Naval Air Station

Whidbey Island, Washington
Nelson, Robert G. (1stLt)
Donaldson Air Force Base
South Carolina

Nielsen, Luther M. (1stLt)
3635 Combat Crew Training Wing
Stead Air Force Base
Nevada

Thoms, Robert D. (1stLt)
New address not at hand

Veterans Administration

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21719 Military St.
Dearborn, Michigan

Pedersen, L. Gudmund
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1101 Anoka Ave.
Waukesha, Wisconsin

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Hastings, Nebraska

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Ideas and suggestions for a helpful contact service will be gratefully received.



THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

Higher Planes of Reverie Through Great Music



Julia Rahaman

hands nothing of us. His music enforces an unconscious foot tapping and sets the unconscious into Freudian motion. Great music is not devoid of these elements, it requires a conscious guiding of the imagination that leads us, if we will let it, to a higher plane of reverie, nearness to God and inspiration. It is, as expressed in the motto of the great Royal Theater of Denmark, " blot til lyst." It is for pleasure, but not for pleasure alone.

Your college, through the Dana College-Community Lyceum, is trying to fill this great need for music, not only the need of its students but also that of the greater Dana community, and fill it with the best. In addition, this is not only a Dana project, but a community project. It is directed by a joint Dana-Community committee. Community representatives work just as hard to make artistic success as do your college representatives. Miss Rahaman, who will appear at 8:15 on the evening of January 30th, has a record of brilliant concerts in this country and in Europe. Fitting the atmosphere of a church college she is opening her program with three religious songs: Schubert, "To the Infinite"; Dvorak, "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Hear Israel" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. She will sing an oratorio, several groups of English songs, French and German Lieder and, in addition, two Scandinavian songs, Grieg's "I Love Thee" and "March Violets" with

Elvis Presley was the subject of an article in this publication last week. In another week, the Dana College-Community Lyceum Series will present a young dramatic soprano, Miss Julia Rahaman.

Music represents a strong need, not only for teenagers, but for all of us. If we do not listen to the great music of the church or symphonies, we will listen to the type of music represented by Elvis Presley. His music

words by Hans Christian Andersen and music by the 19th century Danish composer, Niels W. Gade.

Miss Rahaman's accompaniments will be provided by the wife of a faculty member, Lucile B. Ferguson. In their student days, Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Rahaman were associated as organist and soloist in one of Chicago's churches.

The final program on this year's Dana College-Community Lyceum will be the famed Columbus Boychoir, forty boy singers chosen from over the entire nation. This group, the greatest children's choir in the United States, will present its concert in the Dana auditorium on April 11, at 8:15.

When this article goes to press, your college and the Dana Community will be making plans for next year's service of great music to the Dana area.

You remember the ancient quip about the school teacher who asked, "What is in our world today that wasn't here fifty years ago?" Imagine her surprise when the irrepressible Johnny piped up, "Me!" Well, Johnny had something. And the world had something too—Johnny! A Johnny that was different from all the millions of Johnnies ever born. If God made us different it's foolish to try to be someone or something other than one's natural self.

Be yourself. Quit posing as someone other than yourself. "Stir up the gift that is within you" Be natural. Only thus can you make your greatest contribution.

Gaston Foote, in

FOOTNOTES

(Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Billy Graham's Diary: "Japan does not need our educators. Japan today has the highest literacy rate in the world. The Japanese are the most educated people in the world. There are scores of areas in the United States that need teachers far more than they need them in Japan. Japan does not need our social work. The Japanese economy is one of the most thriving in the world, but Japan does desperately need our message,—the message of Christ. Without Christ, she could easily lead the people of the world back to war in the years to come, as she did in 1941."

Billy Graham, in

TO THE FAR CORNERS,

by George Burnham

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THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Pastor Ezra of Lamurde

By Marjorie Wahlgren

In November 1955 when the All African Lutheran Conference was held in Tanganyika, our African delegate was Pastor Ezra Jangare from Lamurde. His impressions of the conference were printed in *The Ansgar Lutheran* last year. Since coming to Lamurde we have had a chance to get acquainted with him personally and would like to give you a little of his history.

When Pastor Ezra got into an airplane for the first time to make the trip from Nigeria in West Africa to Tanganyika (a distance of 4,000 miles), he was going beyond his wildest dreams. This was the same man who had never been outside his own province until after he was ordained in 1948. Up to that time his life had been spent mainly in Lamurde, his birthplace, and Waduku, a village about four miles away, where his mother lived after she was separated from his father. Waduku is the headquarters for idol worship of the Bachama tribe, and as a child, Ezra learned to worship the spirits and to drink the beer that was offered annually to appease them. But even as a boy, he tells, he doubted the spirits' ability to help him when he would die. Later on, after he had gone to school and begun to learn a little about the true God, he paid a visit to his grandmother in Waduku. He decided to investigate her idol one day while she was away. As a boy, he had seen her sit and talk to the idol when one of the family was sick, and he had thought it must be some kind of a person. But it was always covered so he never knew. However, now that he had an opportunity, he decided he would find out. When he uncovered the mysterious object, he found only a peculiarly shaped piece of iron. That day he did not drink of the beer offered to the spirit, as the custom was before one went on a journey. The people of Waduku said he would never reach Lamurde alive, but he arrived safely.

Like many others who have gone to the mission schools, Ezra had a lot of opposition from his family. When he started, he had to sneak away from home, and if his father found out where he had been, there was a beating waiting for him when he got home—and no supper. Later, Missionary Thompsons asked that the children from the town be allowed to stay at the school. They were to have one meal there and do some gardening to help earn it. The evening meal they were to get at their own homes. But Ezra says that though he

brought money home, he never got his evening meal. So, often he was hungry. Sometimes he ate what others had spilled or left over; sometimes he got food at one of the teachers' houses in return for carrying water. He says, "There was a certain sized portion I could get for carrying ten calabashes of water and a little larger for fifteen. I usually tried for the 15 size."

For some time after he left spirit worship he was not at peace with himself. He says it was God who gave him peace. He was restless because he had not really learned to know God yet, nor had he given Him his heart. He still drank beer in secret and watched the dances that were performed for the spirit festivals. "But," he says, "our mission and his wife did a great deal for us. Every night we gathered in their house for Bible reading and prayer, and we were sent out to the surrounding villages to preach. Also in school we learned many scripture verses and they were a great help."

After spending about four years in the Bible school, he was baptized together with eight other young men and three women in December 1928. Before their baptism they met and made a vow that they would not disregard their baptism or their Lord Jesus, and they talked seriously about it. But Pastor Ezra is sorry to say now, although only one of that group has died, only three remain in the Church. The others have fallen away from the faith.

In August 1931 he was married to a girl who also suffered for the faith. Her parents had sent her away from home because she had become a Christian. The matter of securing the right wife had troubled him, and he had prayed much about it. He says that God revealed to him in a dream the girl he should choose. He followed God's will and theirs has been a blessed marriage. They celebrated their silver wedding with "a house" and a congregational supper this past August. They have had six children but two died. Besides their own four, they raised a boy whose father had died.

In his daily life Pastor Ezra has also experienced God's guidance. "First," he says, "I was a farmer, then a herdsman of cattle, then a houseboy for several years, and finally that a teacher." He was also on the church council for several years before he was chosen to go into pastoral training. Of that work, he says, he found it was not easy to get out of though he sometimes tried to leave because it took a lot of time, but he finally decided it was "a burden that God had laid upon me and I had no right to push it off." So, too, when the district, with the missionaries' approval, selected him as their candidate

pastors' training, he was at first unwilling to go because he felt he couldn't be a pastor, but he prayed about it and when he saw that it was God's will, he could no longer fight against it.

After a little less than two years of pastors' training, he was ordained together with four others in February 1948, thus becoming one of the first native pastors in our mission. Since that time he has been serving the church here in Lamurde and visiting those in the district. There are 32 villages where there are small churches served by an evangelist. From 1950 when Missionary Thompsons returned to America until 1955 when six more African pastors were ordained, Pastor Ezra was alone in superintending these churches—baptizing, giving Holy Communion, and performing other pastoral acts. Since then Pastor and Pastor Martin have divided the work of the district. At present the congregation here in Lamurde is finishing the inside of a large new church with a roof of aluminum rather than the usual thatch. The church has a seating capacity of about 500, but Africans don't like being crowded. Pastor Ezra is experiencing some of the difficulties a pastor often does when a new church is being built.

Pastor Ezra is a man who stands on his own convictions and is not easily turned from them. He maintains discipline in the church and preaches the Word of God boldly. He is greatly interested in reading and has thus taught himself a considerable amount of English. All his schooling and theological training were in Hausa language. He is a busy man; yet when my husband asked him if he would help with the pre-pastors' class, he agreed to take three hours a week with them and there was no question about pay. Perhaps sometimes there is a temptation for him to wish that he had continued to work as a teacher where he would now be receiving about £ 15 a month rather than the £ 5 (\$14.00) which a native pastor in our mission is paid. However, I am sure he is more concerned with our Lord's command to "lay up for yourself treasures in heaven" than with accumulating earthly wealth.

It is a real challenge and a wonderful opportunity for him to be working with young men who will one day be pastors. Many of them have also had opposition from their families because they became Christians. Pray for them that we may be a real help to them in strengthening their Christian faith and their witness for the Saviour. Pray also for our native pastors that they may be true to their calling. There are many temptations for them in their Christian life—one of the greatest perhaps is to compromise with the Moslems who are in the majority in leading positions in government. Another is the temptation to be lenient in matters of church discipline—

drinking, adultery, and other sins. And finally, pray that God will instill in each and every one of us—black and white—the urgency to preach the Word to those who have not yet accepted the Saviour. Pray that we may feel the compulsion Christ did when He said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night comes when no man can work."

Head the Hard Way

By Howard Clark

I was sponsor of a junior high Christian endeavor group which included eighth graders when Bruce came to me with his problem. Bruce had not been strong, had had to miss many days at school. His grammar school was willing to graduate him with his class, but with limited credits. That meant that unless sometime he made up the subjects for which he had no credits, he could never be a regular pupil in either high school or college. It meant limiting himself for the rest of his life. It wasn't an easy decision. He discussed it with the school counsellor, with his parents, with me. He longed to graduate with the rest of his class, to get on with life.

But would he really be getting on? He would be restricted the rest of his life. It would be harder later to make up the work. He decided to stay behind for another year. Other boys face the same problem. The only answer is—don't leave unfinished business along the way in life. Complete each unit of study because "The best way to better your lot is to do a lot better."

Fellows face this problem from grammar graduation up. Perhaps your high school doesn't require a foreign language for graduation. So why bother to learn it? You're not going to speak it anyway, you reason. Then along comes the opportunity to attend college. Now you wish you had taken the language. Maybe you can spend a couple of years at junior college making up what you skipped. Maybe you can make it up during the summer. But make it up you will have to. How much better to head the hard way and take the tough subjects as they come along?

You just might have the unexpected chance to not only go to college but to complete your college course. Abraham Lincoln, former president of the United States, said, "I will study and prepare myself and maybe an opportunity will come." Luck may knock at your door, but preparedness opens it!

(From the forthcoming book, *For Fellows Only*, to be printed by Zondervan.)

BY THE FIRESIDE

HIS HANDS

He holds out His hands, His wonderful hands
While the children of men pass by—
Of every nation and creed and cast,
Some with a future and some with a past—
But He offers them blessing, from first to the last,
While He holds out His wonderful hands.

He holds out His hands, His treasure-filled hands
While the children of men pass by—
Whatever the gift is needed by you,
His love has provided for all, not a few.
Look up and you'll see what you're craving in view,
While He holds out His treasure-filled hands.

He holds out His hands, His nail-pierced hands
While the children of men pass by—
The gift of salvation He offers to all,
Though you steadily march or you totter and fall.
Believe in Him, trust Him, and hark to His call,
While He holds out His nail-pierced hands.

—Mary Lee

CHALLENGED

Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the great English missionary physician who devoted his life to improving the living conditions of the inhabitants of Labrador and Newfoundland, often went to college student bodies for recruits.

"We have to determine," he would say to the students, "whether this world is an arena where we fight to get what we can for ourselves, or a field of honor where we give all we can for our fellow men."

It is said that following his appeal the young men would spring to their feet by scores, and he could not take back to Labrador all who would go with him to wrestle with cold and ignorance and disease.

—Toward the Horizon

MARKED FOR HIS OWN

How lovely are the faces of
The men who talk with God—
Lit with an inner sureness of
The path their feet have trod;
How gentle is the manner of
A man who walks with him!
No strength can overcome him, and
No cloud his courage dim.
Keen are the hands and feet—ah yes—
Of those who wait his will,
And clear as crystal mirrors, are
The hearts his love can fill.
Some lives are drear from doubt and fear
While others merely plod;

But lovely faces mark the men
Who walk and talk with God.

—Pauline Prosser-Thompson

THE TRIP TO SUCCESS

A businessman, en route to the Pacific Coast, was greatly distressed because his plane was grounded and he had to complete the trip by train. The contents of a bulging briefcase spread out before him, he traveled nearly three days—through scores of interesting towns and cities, past countless farms, rich timberlands, beautiful rivers and mountains—without a single pause to look out the window.

For many people the trip to success is like that. They forget that there's more to travel than the getting there.

E. B. Malone, the eminent mattress manufacturer, has inscribed over the front door of his plant—where everyone who enters or leaves may read it often—some precious wisdom distilled from forty years of observation on his own satisfying journey to success. It is wisdom which every young person, packed and ready for his trip, might well copy and paste in his hat.

Twelve Things to Remember: (1) The value of time; (2) the success of perseverance; (3) the pleasure of working; (4) the dignity of simplicity; (5) the worth of character; (6) the power of kindness; (7) the influence of example; (8) the obligation of duty; (9) the wisdom of economy; (10) the

virtue of patience; (11) the improvement of talent; (12) the joy of originating. —Whatsoever Thing

STREAMLINED SERVICE

By Jessie Whiteside Finks

It is no wonder we are hardened
Shut away, the death-bed scene,
When a soul is quietly slipping
Through that fragile veil between
Life and Eternity.
How we need these sobering moments
In the presence of grim Death!
It is plain, then, man is nothing,
And that life is but God's breath!

When the end comes the mortician
Plies his art upon the dead,
And we're prone to think them sleeping,

Yet . . . our heart has not been bled!
As they lie there in the glamour,
Lovely flowers in fine array . . .
It is hard to think our loved ones
Now have closed their earthly stay.

Then the preacher eulogizes
In words chosen, oh, so well,
It would seem all saints . . .

sinners,
And all Heaven, but no Hell!
At the graveside one brief moment
Facing the grass-covered sod,
We are cheated that last lesson—
Falling clod and meeting God!

—Free Methodist

BEFORE THEY CALL

By Roy J. Wilkins

My wife, Ione, had just recently undergone major surgery and was from well. I hated to be ten miles away from her, but my job demanded it. We needed the money to meet expenses. I was unable to secure steady help.

She was unusually weak one day and chills came upon her. Her faith began to waver, and she had a case of the blues. Trying to pray, she said, "Lord, if you really care for me at all, send somebody along to help me now." That very minute the door opened. A dear sister from the church walked in with an electric heating pad and a cheery smile. She plugged in the piled extra blankets on my wife, with her cheerfulness soon had her warm and comfortable.

"If I never had another prayer answered," Ione says, "I'd still keep God really heard and answered in petition that day."

"Before they call, I will answer and while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Isa. 65:24).

—Free Methodist

THE WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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an of the money-managing Federal Reserve System, declares:

(1) that inflation is a present major threat to the country,

(2) that a rise of 1% in the consumer price index now costs the nation 2.5 billion dollars yearly,

(3) that more credit will only mean more demand for credit with higher prices all along the line,

(4) that any delay in school building is a lesser evil than the higher cost that comes with cheaper financing.

While we cannot hope to solve or even adequately discuss a problem as immense as this in our column, we do feel that our church planners should study present trends and happenings and that they should consider what men like Mr. Martin have to say. A first preparation against ruinous inflation is an awareness of what is actually happening. We simply must not be caught flat-footed as the nation (and the church so) was in 1929. Mr. Martin, we feel, speaks warningly and wisely even though his words have not been too well received by some members of the Congress who commend big loans at low interest rates. And Mr. Martin, though he puts on the brakes, is still constructive. Only look at the one major exception to the tightening program he suggests, namely that "there be no delay in our nation's school building program" even though the costs involved might increase the very inflation he is trying so hard to avoid. We like that approach. And just on that score, because he wants to curb speculation, extravagance and excessive expansion and will provide for basic and vital needs, we hope our people will pause in their money-making and listening and listen to what this man says.

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

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we feel of the loose soil in his hand and the relief of having done a hard day's work in the field. Similarly we Christians can only know Christ when we experience his healing hand laid upon us and our sins. The

more we turn to Jesus the more we experience his concern for us and the more will we understand what a friend he is to us.

When it is stated that there is no hope to be found, no one that we may turn to, let us never forget that through Christ we have victory in this life. No one ever lays hold of victory without a battle, nor is the battle so much a large explosive affair as it is a matter of small skirmishes.

Through all of this, the Christian can smile and lift his head high with the saints in the church that have gone before and state alongside St. Paul "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." These are words born of a gigantic mental struggle and intense physical sufferings and endurance in this life which only God could endow a man with. They are the witness of the past brought to a focus in the present for they have given us a sharp and clear picture of what it means to trust in the Lord Jesus.

Whether in life or death we can

have no greater hope than this, that Our Lord Jesus cares for us and always will, now and through all eternity.

The kind social worker stopped to talk to a poor little girl. "What's your name, dear?" she inquired.

"Feemollie," answered the girl. "Feemollie! How unusual!" exclaimed the surprised lady. "How do you spell that name?"

"Just like the doctor wrote on the paper he gave my maw when I was borned," she explained, "F-e-m-a-l-e."

Mama Owl: "I'm worried about Junior."

Papa Owl: "What's the matter?"

Mama Owl: "He doesn't seem to give a hoot about anything."

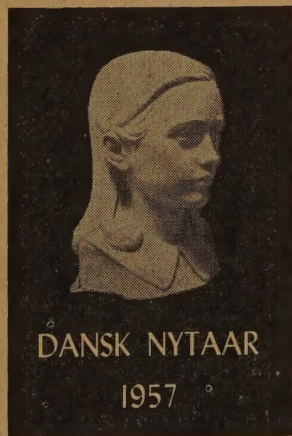
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Ebenezer Elevator Fund \$10							
Coon Rapids, Ia., Immanuel Luth. Church	19.00	19.00					
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church	95.00	6.00	42.00	5.00	21.00	2.00	
Inglewood, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church	340.00	20.00	142.00	37.00	71.00	6.00	
Thanksgiving offering	11.00						
Hamlin, Ia., Hamlin Luth. Church	121.75	7.00	50.00	15.75	25.00	2.00	
Fremont, Nebr., Bluffs Trinity Luth. S. S.	63.34	63.34					
Orum, Nebr., Immanuel Luth. Church	25.00			25.00			
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church	1431.29	85.00	601.00	146.29	300.00	28.00	
Kenosha, Wis., St. Mary's Ev. Luth. Church	1600.00	96.00	672.00	160.00	336.00	32.00	
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S.	74.84				74.84		
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church	280.00	16.00	118.00	30.00	58.00	5.00	
Pass Lake, Ont., Salem Luth. Church	15.25				15.25		
Evans, Minn., St. Matthew Ladies Aid	200.00			200.00			
Ord, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of Will Nelson \$1 from Roy Petersons of Askov, Minn., and \$5 from the following: Messrs. and Mmes. Rollin Norman, Bill Wezniak, Clayton Gilroy, Archie Keep, John Rowbal, Vencie Vasicek, Bill Zabladvil, Chas. LeMasters, Bud Martin, Henry Miske, Jack Hayes, Frank Clark, Geo. LeBow, Stan Absalon, Dr. and Mrs. Dale Karre, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. Geo. Dally, All neighbors	6.00	6.00					
Cushing, Wis., From the Loyal Workers in memory of Mrs. Peter Thompson	2.00			2.00			
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church, from Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kjergaard in memory of Mrs. Anna Christoffersen	2.00						
Cedar Falls, Ia., A thanks offering in memory of Rev. N. P. J. Nielsen from Mrs. N. P. J. Nielsen	40.00						
Selma, Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church	250.00	15.00	105.00	25.00	52.50	5.00	
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church	202.76	12.00	84.00	22.76	42.00	4.00	
Ruskin, Nebr., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church from Mrs. Dorteja Jacobsen	10.00		5.00		5.00		
Storm Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church	300.00	18.00	126.00	30.00	63.00	6.00	
Morgan, Minn., Bethany Luth. Church from Rev. and Mrs. E. Grill, Evan, Minn., in memory of Ada Anderson, Westbrook, Me.	10.00		10.00				
Blair, Nebr., First Luth. Church	500.00	30.00	210.00	50.00	105.00	10.00	
Council Bluffs, Ia., Our Savior's Luth. Church	700.00	42.00	294.00	70.00	147.00	14.00	
Petaluma, Calif., Elim Luth. Church	250.00	15.00	105.00	25.00	52.50	5.00	

Total received to date

1956-57 Budget	339817.00	19404.00	143033.00	32102.00	70662.00	7800.00	63
Percentages (approximate)	100 Pct.	.06	.42	.10	.21	.02	

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Foreign Missions	1956 Luth. Total (Where Most Received Needed) Action	South Amer. Mission	Japan Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	Other Mission
*Prior receipts for 1957 except L.W.A. which is still running for 1956.								
Previously acknowledged (January 5, 1957)	*42451.13	308.04	41886.67	45.00	73.00	65.00	62.00	5.00
Castro Valley, Calif., Faith Luth. Church								
From the W. M. S. for India Mission	23.00							
From the Sunday School	86.37		86.37			23.00		
Waupaca, Wis., Rec'd of Edith Jensen, to help train a native Bible Teacher	30.00					30.00		
Dr. Winthers Luth. Bible School \$30								
Portland, Ore., Bethany Luth. S. S. Christmas Tree offering from Primary Dept.	8.47							
Albert Lea, Minn., From Mission Circle No. 5 and Danish Sudan Circle in memory of Anna Jensen, Elk Horn, Ia.	26.00				8.47			
Kankakee, Ill., Trinity Luth. Church from the Ladies Aid	5.00							
Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Church	277.51			5.00				
Racine, Wis., Rec'd of Mrs. Alma Nelson	20.00						20.00	

Grand \$16 and Albert Thistad \$2									
memory of Mrs. Anna Myrand \$2 and Marinus Nielsen \$25									
memory of Mrs. Anna Myrand \$2 and from the Esther Circle \$50									
from Elmh Circle \$50, From American Sudan Circle 4, \$50;									
In memory of Mrs. Anna Myrand \$1 in memory of									
Chris O. Jensen \$1									
ington, Minn., Farmington Luth. Church for Hungarian Re-									
nd, Me., The Atlantic Dist. of the U. E. L. C.									
nd, Me., The Atlantic Dist. of the U. E. L. C.									
n, Nebr., Our Saviour's Luth. Church									
ena, Calif., From Thorpe's Beauty and Barber Supply for									
e Luth. Bible School \$10.80									
e, Wis., Rec'd of Herbert A. Christensen									
ert, Que., Mont., East Canada Luther League									
g, So. Dak., Bethany Luth. Church from the Birthday Bank									
n, Calif., Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church									
rom Mr. and Mrs. Rosendahl									
rom Mr. and Mrs. Borge Nielsen of which \$30 goes to Dr.									
Winther \$300									
Calif., Bethel Home for the Aged \$3 from Mrs. Margaret									
ritzs and \$2 from a friend									
lk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church									
rd, Nebr., Emmaus Luth. S. S. for Margaret Nissen									
francisco, Calif., Ansagar Church from Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe									
nson									
lyn, New York, Salem Danish Ev. Luth. Church									
y, Mont., Daneville congregation, from Mr. and Mrs. Christ									
adsen and Lydia									
sh, Wis., Our Saviour's English Luth. Church									
from the Tabitha Society, Helen M. Jacobsen's Salary, Su-									
dan Mission \$10									
n, Ia., Hamlin Luth. S. S.									
n, Nebr., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church									
Ridge, Colo., Rec'd of Lillian G. Callender									
r, Colo., St. Mark's Luth. Church									
y, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Geo.									
Andersen									
r, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church, from Mr. and Mrs. Henry									
own									
ra, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Ladies Aid									
n, Ia., Immanuel Luth. S. S. Christmas Offering for Hun-									
rian Relief									
e, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church									
y, Mont., Pella Luth. Church, Rec'd of Mr. and Mrs. An-									
ew Lund in memory of Mrs. Christine Hansen									
ood, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church, From Cassie Ostergaard									
0, Lucile Andersen \$10, Young Adult Group for the Hun-									
rian Relief \$65									
t, Mich., Northwest Trinity Luth. S. S. from Birthday									
unk and Gen. Fund for the support of Mr. Hopna Tudu,									
student									
aines, Ia., Highland Park Luth. Church									
s City, Kan., Westwood Luth. Church									
ers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church									
n, Ia., United Ev. Luth. Church									
yn, Wis., Milltown Luth. Church									
Minn., St. Matthew's Ladies Aid for Hungarian Relief									
Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. S. S.									
on, Ia., Our Saviour's Luth. S. S. Christmas offering									
orn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from the Homebuilders									
n, Alta., Can., Bethany Luth. S. S.									
t, Minn., Community Luth. Church									
n, Nebr., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church, from Mrs. Dorthea									
cobsen, Bethany Home, Minden, Nebr.									
la., Rec'd of Pastor and Mrs. Harry Sorensen									
Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church, from the guild for									
stor and Mrs. Morck									
n, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church									
yn, Wis., Milltown Luth. Church									
na, Calif., Elmh Luth. Church									
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A. Final for 1956									
Budget									
tages (approximate)									
ed with thanks.									

Blair, Nebraska, January 11, 1957. P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

NEWS AND NOTES
 (Continued from page 2)
 roit, Mich, Oscar E. Johnson, Pas-
 n observance of the ninth an-
 yary in Northwest Trinity Luther-
 urch our third annual spiritual
 asis days were held October 14-
 pecial speaker for these services
 Rev. Fred C. M. Hansen of Chi-
 Pastor Hansen will long be re-
 eered for his inspiring and power-
 essages. At the Sunday evening
 e special music was presented
 e Finlandia Men's Chorus. An
 ersary offering of \$1733.65 was
 ed.
 er activities this fall was the pre-
 ion of the film "The Unfinished
 sponsored by the Women's
 The Luther League sponsored
 owing of the feature film, "Mar-
 uther."
 ently a United States flag and
 istian flag were dedicated as
 rials.

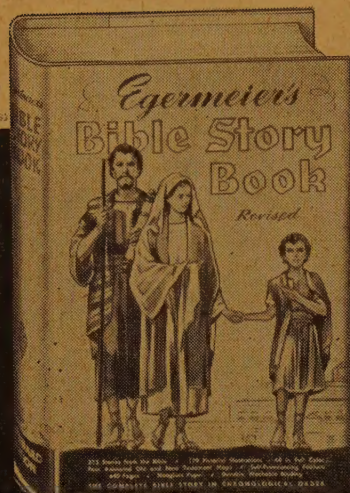
October 21st was a special Sunday
 for we received into membership our
 two refugee families. We are happy to
 welcome them as members.
 November was observed as Steward-
 ship month. An every-member canvass
 was conducted to meet the challenge
 of an \$18,000 budget. Of this amount
 \$11,500 was pledged with 101 con-
 firmed members participating. This
 record shows a steady trend toward
 100% participation. This is only our
 second year with a definite program
 of pledging in operation.
 A Christmas concert of sacred mus-
 ic was presented Sunday evening,
 December 16th by the Senior, Inter-
 mediate and Junior choirs of our
 church. Traditional carols along with
 some not so familiar were sung. All
 three choirs carolled during the Christ-
 mas season.
 On Sunday, December 23rd the nurs-
 ery, beginner and primary depart-
 ments of the Sunday School presented

a program "Lighting the Advent
 Candles." Christmas eve the older chil-
 dren gave their program "Light of
 Men."
 Christmas festival services were held
 Christmas morning. The three choirs
 combined to sing "Now The Holy
 Child Is Born." A special offering of
 \$1,158.25 was received. We are happy
 to report that this enables us to start
 1957 with a clean slate.
MRS. I. M. HANSEN PASSES
 The wife of the late Pastor I. M.
 Hansen passed away on Jan. 11 at
 Farmington, Minn. and was buried at
 Blair, Nebr. on Monday, the 14th.
NOTICE
 The Board of Education of the
 United Evangelical Lutheran Church
 will meet at Trinity Seminary, Du-
 buque, Iowa, on Wednesday, February
 6.
 Alvin M. Petersen, Chairman

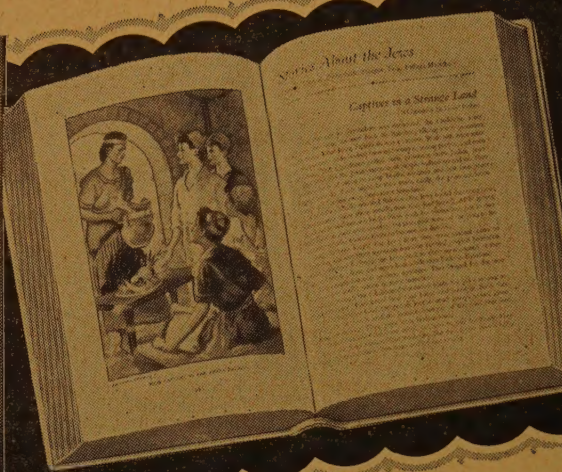
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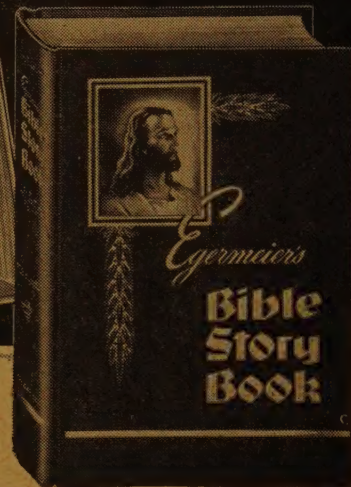
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